

"Green Hill" Slave Auction Block
Virginia Road No. 728
Long Island Vicinity
Campbell County
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Address: Virginia Road No. 728, Long Island Vicinity,
Campbell County, Virginia

Present Owner: L. H. Holland and brothers

HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND ARCHITECTURAL DATA

"Green Hill" plantation was built by Samuel Pannill who first bought 600 acres from William and Moses Fuqua in 1797, and added to and developed the plantation 'til his death in 1864.

According to tradition, these original stone features were used in the auction and sale of slaves. The smaller of the two elements was used by the auctioneer while the stone table was used to display the best qualities of the slaves. The authenticity of this story has not been documented.

Both auctioneer's stone and table are in good condition. They are presently used by the owners to hold milk buckets, etc.

Auctioneer's stand, is a solid stone block, approximately 1'-2" x 3'-0" x 10" high. Stone table approximately 3' square and 3' high. It is supported by four rectangular stones set upright into the ground. A bottom stone is shaped as a cross to fit between the posts, while the top stone slab rests directly upon the four posts at each corner. Top stone about 3" thick; bottom stone about 2-1/2" thick. No mortar used.

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